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FOR: NEWARK HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

More heat than light has been generated regarding recommendations of this Commission — and the recommendations of the Police Director and his supporters.

For the Record — this Commission - through its professional staff & the commissioners — have expressed themselves on several occasions commendatory — the well-deserved reputation for Law Enforcement & apprehension — earned by the Police Department of this city.

I quote from my release of March 3, 1963 — a copy of which I sent to the Director — "I can see why Police resist having this - - [illegible] board. Police work at best is a thankless task in any metropolitan center. Director Dominick Spina is doing an excellent job with an undermanned department. As Chmn of Nwk Human

Rights Commission, I congratulate him on
his record for the first eight months.
He is an alert and efficient leader of men.
We shall continue to respect his judgement
and his loyalty to his force, even though
we shall maintain our right to disagree
with him on the efficacy or objectivity
of a Police Advisory Board" (unquote).

The right to disagree — Ladies & Gentlemen —
is not un american — Rather — The
right of disagreement is an ingredient of law enforcement inherent in
our system of Government.

However, it is my intention to shed light —
rather than generate heat.

All of you present are familiar with
The objectives of this Commission — to
foster harmonious relationships between groups
with various ethnic, religious, racial
& national origin backgrounds.

itself with attitudes about the Police + minority group relationships.

Because of these attitudes, this commission on June 26, 1962 a series of recommendations to the New Mayor-Elect re: the question of alleged Police Brutality attitudes — submitted a recommendation that this Commission present a request for a means of improving — quote — "police-community relationships" — unquote — Along with other items, this Commission proposed an agenda for action — for the then Mayor-Elect. Therefore, on June 26, 1962, this Commission proposed six points —

4. "To develop a community-wide program to improve police-community relations."

On July 15, 1962, a similar memo was formatted — & included a request for a Police-Community Relations